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Organizing the Study Effort



MISSION:

• To objectively and adequately analyze the available alternative delivery systems for construction projects and their applicability to Montana per the request of HJR 28 of the 58th Legislative Session and present the results to the 59th Legislature.

GOALS:

- Define "best-value" contracting.
- Define the current state of construction procurement in Montana.
- Garner a wide-range of participation from "stakeholders" in the state.
- Gather and introduce data from as many sources as deemed viable.
- Accurately analyze and present the findings without bias to any particular methods.

DIRECTION:

- Identify stakeholders and participants.
- Develop surveys for the Montana design profession and construction industry to provide their input.
- Contact public and private entities regarding their procurement procedures, guidelines, and laws.
- Attend conferences that present the alternative delivery processes available to gather an appropriate understanding of their application.
- Meet with parties as appropriate to discuss avenues of research.

PLANS:

See charts below.

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RESEARCH/DATA	Target	Date	Responsible/Notes
GATHERING	Date	Completed	
Chair: Russ Katherman			
Define "best-value" construction contracting			
Identify the type of research and data			
necessary to be effective			
Identify the sources and organizations where			
data may be available			
Identify conferences, seminars, and/or			
speakers on alternative methods			
Identify financial impacts/needs (if any) for			
research/data gathering			
Sample contracts			
 Publications 			
 Seminars 			
 Reproduction of findings/data 			
Assign research and data gathering tasks with			
completion deadlines			
Gather all research and data			
Digest and summarize findings			
Present draft summary of findings to all			
participants			
Discuss findings, categorize data accordingly,			
and make recommendations for state practice			
Develop suggested practices and legislation;			
disseminate for review by participants			
Receive comments and additional suggestions			
Finalize recommendations for presentation to			
the 59th Legislature			
Suggested Public Entities:			
• Federal (GSA)			
• States			
• Universities			
Cities/Municipalities/Counties			
Suggested Private Entities:			
Large construction firms			
Montana contractors			
Montana design firms			
Suggested Associations:			
• DBIA			
• AGC			
• AIA/PES			
• COAA			
AAA (for dispute resolution)			
Construction Institute			

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STUDY GROUP MEMBERS	Target	Date	Responsible/Notes
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Possible Participating Groups:			
Montana Contractors Association			
AIA of Montana			
Engineers Council of Montana			
Montana Technical Council			
 Legal Profession 			
 Sureties/Insurers 			
 Legislators 			
Other State Agencies			
Determine Participating Groups			
Contact Groups to determine interest and			
participants			
Identify Individual Participants			
Develop Contact List			
Contact participants regarding meetings,			
surveys, data gathering			
Identify those who will assist in research and			
data gathering			
Assign research and data gather tasks with			
completion dates			
Identify those who will assist in analysis of the			
data and developing report of findings			
Identify those who will review the summary of			
findings recommendations			
Identify those who will present findings to the			
59 th Legislature			

MEETINGS	Target	Date	Responsible/Notes
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Need to identify participating groups and then individuals			
Identify financial impacts/needs (if any) for			
meetings			
 Lodging 			
 Travel 			
Per diem			
 Meeting locations 			
Identify meeting locations			
First Meeting: define mission, goals, assign			·
research/data gathering tasks, contractor			

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concerns, design profession concerns, schedule,		
and end-product to be provided to the 59th		
Legislature.		
 Maintain periodic contact with participants to ensure progress is being 		
made in gathering data		
 Gather data into summary findings; make copies of all pertinent data 		
 Issue summary findings to all 		
participants for review and comment		
Second Meeting: present summary of findings;		
discuss comments, revisions, need of further		
research, schedule, and end-product to be		
provided to the 59th Legislature.		
 Revise summary findings per meeting 		
 Prepare draft of final document 		
 Issue revised summary for review and comment 		
Third Meeting: completion of final draft,		
finalize strategy for presentation to the 59th		
Legislature		

RESULTS REPORTING	Target	Date	Responsible/Notes
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Identify the format of what is to be presented			
to the legislature			
Identify the participants presenting the			
findings to the legislature			
Quality of materials?			
Format of materials?			
Reproduction costs?			